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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
BUILDING DEPARTMENT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1958

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BOSTON, May 1, 1959.

HON. JOHN B. HYNES,  
*Mayor of Boston.*

SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 115, Chapter 479, of the Acts of 1938, as amended, I submit herewith a brief report of the activities of the Building Department during the year 1958.

THOMAS J. HUGHES,  
*Building Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

As the result of a survey conducted by the Administrative Services Department under the direction of his Honor, the Mayor, in the interest of increased efficiency, an internal reorganization of the Building Department was effected on January 1, 1955. The functions and services of the department were divided into five general groups —

Administration and General Services

Technical Services

Construction and Safety Inspections

Mechanical Inspections

Electrical Inspections

The administrative and general services group is charged with the proper functioning of the department, carrying on all routine office procedures and maintaining records of the activities of the department. All licenses and permits are processed and issued by this group.

The technical services group passes on all applications and plans for permits for the erection, alteration, and repairing of buildings and structures. It also conducts examinations and tests of materials and methods used in construction of buildings and makes recommendations to the Building Commissioner as to approval or disapproval of such methods and materials.

The construction and safety inspections group, comprising the head of the division, two chief building inspectors, one chief egress inspector, and a staff of building, egress and zoning inspectors, inspects and examines all buildings and structures in process of erection, repair, alteration, or demolition. It also inspects all buildings as to proper and sufficient means of egress in relation to the construction and occupancy of such structures.

The mechanical inspections section is charged with the inspection of all mechanical functions in connection with the erection or alteration of buildings and structures. It inspects all installations or extensions of plumbing, gasfitting, elevator, and sprinkler systems.

The electrical inspections group examines and inspects all electrical work, both interior and exterior, which comes under the control of the Building Department.

In accordance with an ordinance passed by the City Council and effective as of December 1, 1956, there was established a revised schedule of fees for permits and licenses issued by the department. This revised schedule has brought about a marked increase in the revenue of the department, though falling far short of making the department self-supporting.

### FEES FOR LICENSES AND PERMITS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 1956

*In accordance with Chapter 7 of the Ordinances of 1956, the following fees for licenses and permits are established effective December 1, 1956:*

Appeal to Board of Appeal under Building Law (Chapter 479 of 1938 as amended) . . . . .	\$15 00
Appeal to Board of Appeal under Zoning Law (Chapter 488 of 1924 as amended) . . . . .	25 00
Builder's or Mechanic's License —	
Original (or renewal for which examination is required) .	10 00
Renewal . . . . .	3 00
Building Permit —	
Regular — \$2.00 plus \$1.00 per \$500.00 of cost. \$2,002.00 maximum.	
Amendment — \$2.00 plus \$1.00 per \$500.00 of cost, but total of original and all amendments not to exceed \$2,000.00 plus \$2.00 primary fee.	
Special Foundation Permit . . . . .	5 00
Building Demolition Permit — Primary fee, \$3.00, additional fee of \$3.00 for each full story and an additional fee of \$1.00 for each full 5,000 cubic feet.	
Building Moving Permit — \$5.00 plus \$3.00 for each 5,000 cubic feet in the building.	
Permit to Change Building Occupancy (Alteration additional fee) . . . . .	5 00
Building Plan Inspection Fee — Group I Occupancy . .	1 00
Other . . . . .	2 00
Copies or Duplicates of Licenses and Permits . . . .	1 00
Dynamo, Engine, or Generator Installation Permit . .	5 00
Gasfitting Installation, Alteration, or Repair Permit — \$2.00 plus \$0.50 for each appliance or fixture.	



## Gasfitter's License —

Master — Original (or re-examination)	\$10 00
Renewal	3 00
Journeyman — Original (or re-examination)	5 00
Renewal	1 00

Gravel Removal (gravel, loam, or sand) . . . . . 5 00

Heating Installation Permit — \$2.00 per boiler, furnace, heater, or other heat-producing apparatus.

Immediate Action Permits, including fire escapes, connecting balconies, signs, projections, etc. . . . . { \$1.00 plus \$1.00 per \$500.00 of cost.

Application for Approval of Location of Home for Sick and Aged and similar occupancies (plus advertising) . . . . . 25 00

Plumbing Installation, Alteration, or Repair Permit — New plumbing system \$5.00; otherwise \$2.00, plus in either case \$0.50 per fixture. \$300.00 maximum.

Transfer of Permit . . . . . 2 00

NOTE: Appurtenances which should not be classed as fixtures would be those in the category of floor drains, sand traps, grease traps, conductors, etc.

Permit for Installation, Alteration, or Repair of Sprinkler System — \$2.00 plus \$1.00 per \$500.00 of cost.

Use of Premises Permit — (Construction or alteration, additional fee) . . . . . 3 00

Welder's Certificate of Qualification . . . . . 3 00

Elevator or Escalator Installation, Alteration, or Repair Permit —

Elevator Installation	} . . . . . {	\$12.00 for first;
Escalator		\$3.00 each additional
Major Alterations		in all cases

The following listed operations shall be considered to be major alterations or repairs:

Installing new types of brakes; new controller; new machine automatic; new motor; new car; new car cab; new overhead supports; new overhead platform; new safeties or governor; new rails; new drum or traction sheave; new counterweight enclosures; new landing doors; new car gates; new electric switches of any kind; new hoist, counterweight, governor or safety cables; new piston rods; new hydraulic pressure tanks; new hydraulic pumps and regulators.

Remodeling shaftway enclosure; filling in excess wall space in shaftway; dumb-waiter door replacements; increasing capacity of car; increasing speed of car; changing type of car; changing type of installation; renewal of links or chains; extension of travel of existing elevator; relocating machine room of existing elevator; changing rails from wood to steel; any change in signal system; any additions to existing controller; any rebarbbiting job; all accident repairs; all fire repairs.

Builders Hoist . . . . . \$2.00 per car

Dumb-Waiters — Original installation and subsequent repairs . . . . . \$1.00 per car

Elevator and Escalator Inspection —

Usual hours . . . . .	\$8.00 for first;
	\$2.00 for each additional



Outside of regular hours . . . . .	} \$12.00 for first; \$3.00 for each additional
All Cases . . . . .	
Elevator Operator's License —	No maximum
Original (and re-examination) . . . . .	\$2 00
Renewal . . . . .	1 00

## ELECTRICAL

Primary Fee . . . . .	\$1 00
Service . . . . .	1 00
Main Switch, or like circuit breaker —	
100A . . . . .	1 00
Each additional 100A . . . . .	1 00
Maximum fee . . . . .	20 00
Meter Loop . . . . .	1 00
Panel Board, if no branch circuits installed . . . . .	1 00
Branch Circuit . . . . .	1 00
Lighting, 500 watt or over, arc lamp, mercury vapor lamp . . . . .	1 00
Lighting fixture . . . . .	25
Lighting circuit switch outlet . . . . .	25
Lighting circuit plug receptacle . . . . .	25
Sign — (plus converter and transformer charge, plus \$1 for each kilowatt of aggregate capacity of fluorescent tubes and incandescent lamps) . . . . .	1 00
Heat, per kilowatt . . . . .	25
Minimum fee \$0.50	
50 KW limit on single receptacle.	
2 or more devices under same permit, \$0.25 for each kilowatt of aggregate capacity.	
Welders are all transformer type.	
Motors, per horsepower . . . . .	25
Minimum fee \$0.50	
50 H.P. limit on single receptacle.	
2 or more under same permit, \$0.25 for each H.P. of aggregate capacity.	
Generator, rectifier or other battery charging device —	
10 KW or less . . . . .	2 00
Over 10 KW to 25 KW inclusive . . . . .	3 00
Over 25 KW to 50 KW inclusive . . . . .	5 00
Over 50 KW . . . . .	10 00

Also charge for motors and transformers, if any.

Transformers, ignition, neon sign, outline lighting or signaling	\$0 50
10 KVA or less . . . . .	2 00
Over 10 KVA to 25 KVA inclusive . . . . .	3 00
Over 25 KVA to 50 KVA inclusive . . . . .	5 00
Over 50 KVA . . . . .	10 00
Temporary permit, 30 days or less . . . . .	1 00
Plus 1/3 of permanent fee as indicated above.	
Reinspection after correction of defective work . . . . .	2 00
Maintenance Permit . . . . .	1 00

### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

#### License for Flammable and/or Explosive Materials —

Primary fee of \$20.00 plus additional fee equal, in case of fluids, to —

\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons for first 10,000 gallons;  
 \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons for next 90,000 gallons;  
 \$3.00 per 10,000 gallons for next 4,900,000 gallons;  
 \$3.00 per 100,000 gallons over 5,000,000 gallons;  
 and, in case of solids and gases, to —  
 \$4.00 per 100 cubic feet for first 1,000 cubic feet;  
 \$2.00 per 1,000 cubic feet for next 499,000 cubic feet;  
 \$2.00 per 10,000 cubic feet over 500,000 cubic feet.

#### Garage Permit —

Public and Business Garages.	In all cases, \$50.00 plus \$5.00 for each inspection, repair, lubricating, or wash-
Repair Shops;	stand bay and \$1.00 for each of the
Lubritorium; Inspection and	first 100 parking or storage spaces and
Washstand Garages.	\$25.00 for each 100 additional parking or storage spaces.

One or Two Car Garage Appurtenant to Dwelling . . . . . \$5 00

Other Private Garages . . . . . \$15.00 plus \$1.00 for each bay.

#### Open Air Parking Space License —

\$15.00 plus \$0.25 per car per month in all cases.

### BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

Certificate of Appropriateness, Major Construction or Re-construction . . . . .	\$35 00
All other construction . . . . .	5 00
Notice of demolition . . . . .	25 00

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

HON. JOHN B. HYNES,  
*Mayor of Boston.*

We are pleased to submit herewith the fifth annual report of the Public Safety Commission for the year commencing January 1, 1958, and ending December 31, 1958.

The chief function of this Commission, which was established in May of 1954, is to coordinate the work of the Building, Fire, and Health Departments to the end that there may be efficient and concerted action by said departments under the provisions of Chapter 2, Section 25, of the Ordinances of 1954.

In accordance with further provisions of the ordinance, meetings were held monthly, during the year 1958, on the following dates:

January 21	July 22.
February 18	August 19
March 25	September 26
April 22	October 7
May 20	November 18
June 24	December 2

A special meeting was held under date of November 21 to discuss the subject of "atomic waste disposal," to which reference is made later in this report. Minutes of all meetings are recorded and retained by the Acting Secretary, and copies of same have been supplied to you and members of the Commission during the year.

Although the Committee on Licenses is a subcommittee of the Public Safety Commission, its functions and operations are separate and distinct from those of this Commission, and a statistical report of its activities is submitted under a separate section, following the report of this Commission.

This was the first full year of operations conducted under the chairmanship of William Arthur Reilly, a charter member of the Commission. By virtue of the advancement of Mr. Reilly to the chairmanship, due to the demise of the late John A. Breen, in the latter part of 1957, Timothy J. O'Connor, the Traffic Commissioner, became a member of this Commission.

Among the various public safety measures discussed during the year, demolition, atomic waste disposal, inspectional programs, and improvements in fire prevention have received priority.

One of the major recommendations of this Commission was prompted by the limitations conferred on it by the wording of the ordinance which confines our duties and responsibilities to the coordination of operations of the Building, Fire, and Health Departments. This having been accomplished to the greatest degree possible at this time, it was felt that the expansion of duties and membership should be considered favorably or the number of meetings required by the ordinance reduced from twelve per year to four. In this connection, it was recommended and a petition was filed with the Legislature this year to add the Police Commissioner and the Assistant Superintendent of Schools to the Commission. In the event the General Court acts upon this petition favorably, it is our intent to request your approval of an amendment to the existing ordinance to include two additional members, namely, the Public Works Commissioner and the Civil Defense Director.

The main purpose of recommending the above expansion is to make more uniform the adoption of recommendations concerning public safety in various departments of the city and also to provide a body that could serve in a broader field of public safety and could plan for and organize the operations of a coordinated disaster relief program. At the present time there is no centralized agency, outside of Civil Defense, which can deal with problems arising from floods, hurricanes, major snowstorms, or other such emergencies.

Further, it is hoped, through the cooperation of the Police Department and the Civil Defense Department, that we can be helpful in coordinating the work of all departments involved to the end that the authority with which the Police and Civil Defense Departments are vested can be more systematically applied to the operations of all other departments represented. The linking together of these activities, as a result of the combined thinking of the various agencies involved, would be a major improvement in present operations and would result in the establishment of a worth-while safety program which could be administered and governed by city officials at no extra cost.

Following herewith is a summary of the subjects discussed during the year in the matter of public safety.

#### *Demolition Program*

Since the inception of the demolition program in 1956 to the end of December, 1958, 1,170 dilapidated struc-



tures were razed through the joint efforts of the Building and Health Departments, 540 being razed during the past year alone. The cost of the entire program to December 31, 1958, has been \$1,124,936.63, of which \$467,207.40 was spent on this all-important work during the past year. The latter figure includes an expenditure of \$139,704 for the repair of 172 buildings.

At the outset of the demolition program it was not customary or believed necessary for the Director of Demolition, John A. Murray, to inform other government agencies, such as the Planning Board and the Urban Renewal Coordinating Committee, of demolition plans, but it was found from experience that these agencies should be consulted before any definite action is taken in any specific area. This procedure has been put into effect and has resulted in a methodical coordination of thinking among the various agencies involved and has eliminated conflicting viewpoints in the matter of over-all planning.

Although demolition plans are discussed at Urban Renewal Coordinating Committee meetings and the actual expenditure of funds is delegated to the Building and Health Departments, the fact that the demolition of unsafe buildings is a public safety factor makes it necessary for this Commission to report thereon.

#### *Land Bank Assembly Legislation*

This is another subject that has been discussed and reviewed at Urban Renewal Coordinating Committee meetings in addition to being discussed by this Commission and, as it is so essential to the progress and success of the demolition program, a report on the subject is incorporated herein.

As you know, under existing legislation, demolition can be accomplished only at such times as a formal condemnation of a structure can be secured from the Building or Health Departments, the former for reasons pertaining to structural safety and the latter for reasons pertaining to health safety. It has been found, in many cases, that after either of the above departments would condemn a building and the matter was referred to Mr. Murray for legal processing, a specific building to be demolished would be located within a block of other buildings that were in a rundown condition but not sufficiently unsafe to warrant their demolition. In such cases we have been faced with two problems, namely, the unsightly appearance of an open gap between a

group of dilapidated structures and the impossibility of removing the remaining structures under existing legislation.

This Commission agreed with the thinking of Mr. Murray and the Urban Renewal Coordinating Committee that legislation should be enacted to correct this situation by giving the city or some other agency the authority to demolish all such blocks, which are more common in the South End and Roxbury sections of the city, so that land could be disposed of more quickly to prospective developers. If whole blocks could be cleared at one time, the city would have a better opportunity to sell sizable lots for either industrial or residential purposes, such as the zoning laws will permit. At the present time the city is saddled with many small lots in undeveloped areas for which there is no market and which are used mainly for the disposal of rubbish and refuse.

The enactment of recommended legislation would result in accelerating the demolition program, would be an incentive for prospective investors to locate here, and would create an active market for many of the lots which are now lying dormant, producing no revenue and costing the city money to maintain.

#### *Disposal of Atomic Waste Material*

A special meeting was held under date of November 21 concerning the above subject, while further discussions were held on several other occasions at regular meetings. At the special meeting and other meetings where this subject was discussed, representatives were in attendance from the following agencies:

Civil Defense Department; State Department of Public Works; Police Department, Waterfront Division; Fire Department; United States Coast Guard; Navy Department; City Council; Atomic Energy Commission; Licensing Division; Boston Health Department; State Department of Public Health; and Division of Waterways, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The reason for calling meetings on this important subject emanated from the city's inheritance of a tenant on the water front who is engaged in the business of atomic waste disposal. Since the city is at present the owner of Piers No. 2 and No. 4 on Northern Avenue, where its tenant conducts his business, it was of par-

ticular interest to this Commission to ascertain just what regulations were in effect to control and govern his various activities. As this was a new problem with which the city had no previous experience, and relying more or less on the Atomic Energy Commission regulations, it was considered advisable to explore the subject with a view to determining what, if any, provisions were available under existing statutes or ordinances that would give the city authority to supervise and control the handling, storage, and transportation of radioactive materials.

A public hearing was held at the Gardner Auditorium, State House, on December 10, which was attended by several members of this Commission, on a proposed sanitary code in which might be incorporated designated authority to control radioactive substances. It was the consensus of Commission members present that the control of such substances is covered thoroughly under Atomic Energy Commission regulations but, nevertheless, it was felt that the city should have some type of authority, legislative or otherwise, to control the handling, storage, transportation, or disposal of such materials. The Health Department's interest was prompted by the disposal of radioactive substances by various hospitals throughout the city, through the use of radioactive iodine. This particular substance exhausts its radioactivity every eleven days by one half and, when it reaches its minimum activity, the hospitals are authorized to dispose of it in a sewer, under the provisions of the Atomic Energy Commission regulations. We have gained some interesting knowledge and definite facts regarding this subject and are prepared, if necessary, to establish regulatory standards in accordance with the provisions of proposed legislation, if and when enacted.

### *Inspectional Programs*

A major step in improving and coordinating inspections was accomplished during the past year through the adoption of a new general form initiated by this Commission and approved by the Administrative Services Board, namely, General Form No. 65. This new form can not only be used by the various inspectional units of city government but can be used either by any employee of the city government or by any individual who might desire to register a complaint. The coordi-



nation of inspectional operations among Fire, Health, and Building Inspectors has been most satisfactory, and, because of this close association in the matter of inspections, the use of this form has resulted in greater efficiency, speedier action, and an excellent example of teamwork in all matters pertaining to the operations of the respective departments. All city agencies have been notified that supplies of these forms are available at the Printing Plant and can be secured by requisition.

We are hopeful that during the current year this new procedure of reporting will be expanded throughout other city departments so that a uniformity in and familiarity with this procedure will result in the correcting of many defects in city operations more quickly and more efficiently than has been the policy in the past. Promptness in reporting defects, such as we often observe in sidewalks and public ways, unsafe projections over the highways, trash and rubbish accumulation, faulty and defective traffic signals, nonoperating street lights, damage to property, and countless others, will make for a cleaner and more healthful community in which to live. From the standpoint of public safety, it will minimize accidents, eliminate to a large extent unnecessary hazards, and will decrease the number of suits brought against the city each year, which have been increasing rather than decreasing over the past decade. One of the main features of the new reporting form is a listing in alphabetical order of the most common defects or violations and the department or agency to which they should be referred for attention.

### *Fire Department Inspections*

As the Fire Department annual report will contain detailed information on its operations, we will not attempt to list herein the many varied subjects concerning Fire Department operations discussed at Public Safety meetings, but we feel, however, that reference should be made to the acceleration of inspection programs as a result of this Commission's recommendations.

In addition to the in-service inspectional program and the hydrant inspectional program, both of which were inaugurated some three years ago, two other important inspectional programs have been progressing efficiently and satisfactorily.

One program which has contributed much to the success of urban renewal activities concerns the inspection of

homes and all other structures in the Mt. Bowdoin-Codman Square area of Dorchester, which is near completion. As soon as this area is completed, another area will be inspected. The system of inspecting, inaugurated by this Commission and approved by the Urban Renewal Coordinating Committee, requires a team of nine inspectors (three from the Fire Department, three from the Building Department, and three from the Health Department) to inspect all properties in an area designated by the Urban Renewal Coordinating Committee for any violations of the Building and Housing Codes, in addition to regulations of the Fire Department. This coordination of inspections has proven to be a workable and satisfactory operation and has been most helpful not only to the urban renewal program but to the discovery of many violations (some hazardous) of which property owners were previously uninformed. The cooperation of residents in the Mt. Bowdoin-Codman Square area in correcting violations brought to their attention has been most gratifying and well worth the time and effort devoted to this all-important work.

The second program, inaugurated the latter part of the year and prompted by the great loss of life in a parochial school fire in Chicago, has been continuing at rapid pace, with both fire and building inspectors making thorough inspections throughout the city of all public, private and parochial schools, churches, hospitals, rest homes, day nurseries, etc. Inspections to date have indicated that parochial schools and Catholic churches within the city are in excellent condition from a safety standpoint because of safety measures adopted by His Eminence, Richard Cardinal Cushing, over a year ago.

It was found, however, that several public schools and other institutions do not have proper egress, and these violations were brought to the attention of the respective controlling agencies for correction. Revisits to the institutions involved to ascertain whether or not violations have been corrected is a standard procedure, and, in the event recommendations are not complied with within a reasonable period of time, more drastic action is then taken.

We are confident that these various types of inspections will result in making the public more safety-conscious and will serve as a helpful tool in educating the public in the hazards that result from neglect and

apathy on the part of many who should display a greater interest and knowledge in the fields of building, health, and fire safety.

### *Miscellaneous*

The Health Department has been issuing press releases on various matters of health safety during the year for the information of the general public, one of the more important of which concerns the establishment of a "Poison Center" located in the Children's Medical Center, 300 Longwood avenue. "Poison Centers" of a similar nature have been established in many sections of the country and have proven most helpful in the saving of lives, especially the lives of children. It has been found that most cases of poisoning are attributed to carelessness on the part of parents who fail to keep toxic substances, such as aspirin, kerosene, etc., out of the reach of children and, in most cases, when a child consumes a large portion of these substances, the parents are at a loss to know what to do and, in the event they are unsuccessful in securing a doctor immediately, children's lives are endangered. Under the present system any person in the community confronted with such a situation, whether it be a child or an adult, can call this "Poison Center," BE 2-2120, and receive instructions over the 'phone for immediate relief. All types of poisons are catalogued, and a doctor is on duty twenty-four hours a day.

Interest was indicated in early March for the possible purchase of the West End Health Unit by a redevelopment group, as it was pointed out that the need for such a facility would not exist in the immediate future due to a change in the character of the population when the new West End Development was completed. However, your wisdom in deferring action on the matter was immediately endorsed by this Commission, as we agreed that such a facility should be retained in the area until present residents had been relocated, and for the further reason that upon completion of the West End Development and its occupancy by a higher income group, the property at that time would demand a higher price than could have been secured when the prospective buyer indicated an interest or even at the present time.

It was recommended upon several occasions that an attorney from the Law Department be assigned to the

Building Department to handle many of the legal processes that are required in the matter of demolition, Building Code violations, Zoning Code petitions and violations, court proceedings, etc. Unfortunately, however, due to a shortage of attorneys in the Law Department (several resigned to accept positions with the Attorney General) and the desire of the Corporation Counsel to cooperate in observing the "no hire" policy adopted in connection with the "White Paper Agreement," the recommendation was not acted upon favorably. However, we are hopeful that further consideration will be given the proposal during the current year, as it is our belief that the assignment of an attorney to the Building Department will relieve inspectors of many of the legal duties they are obliged to perform at the present time and will allow them to devote more time to inspectional duties.

A street numbering program was inaugurated, and cooperation of property owners was most satisfactory. Inspections were centered within the downtown area, with special attention being devoted to the Tremont and Boylston Street areas. It was surprising to learn how many important buildings in the downtown area were not identified by numbers, and a casual examination of residential homes throughout the city indicated a similar neglect. Although this program might appear to be minor in importance, nevertheless neglect in numbering a business establishment or a home not only casts an unfavorable reflection on the owners of such properties but indicates that city officials are lax in enforcing the provisions of an ordinance that has been in existence since 1824. This program will continue until every location in the city is properly identified by number. These so-called picayune matters, when little or no attention is paid to them, result in general confusion and disinterest, which are detriments to the future planning of a well-organized municipality.

#### SUMMARY

The completion of five years of coordinated operations in the field of public safety has resulted in several major improvements over past performance, when public safety agencies acted as individual and separate entities. Many minor improvements in operations were inaugurated and established as standard procedures. The



exchanging of ideas among officials of the Building, Health, Fire, Traffic, and Administrative Service Departments has been a contributing factor to the over-all study of public safety, and if and when the Police, School, Public Works and Civil Defense officials become associated with the present Commission, we can look forward to greater progress and an expansion of public safety studies in areas that have not been explored in their entirety up to the present time. In this connection, we make reference to such subjects as juvenile delinquency, disaster relief programs, the acceleration of health and safety programs in our schools, automotive and pedestrian safety, educational programs for the general public in home accidents, seasonal accidents attributed to outdoor and indoor athletic activities, educational programs in connection with our Building, Fire, Housing and Zoning Codes, and many others. Safety subjects of which we have not heard up to the present time will arise as time goes on, and the only way to be prepared to face future problems is to have a working committee of officials interested in the various phases of public safety who will be on the alert at all times.

The following are some of the activities initiated by our Commission, or in which our members were important consultants:

1. A new Housing Code
2. A new Building Code
3. Establishment of a Public Health Council
4. Elimination of dangerous coasting areas throughout the city
5. Enactment of an all-night parking law
6. Improving Fire Department operations to such a degree as to prompt a commendation from the National Board of Fire Underwriters
7. Adoption of safety regulations for the operation of elevators
8. Inauguration of a demolition program
9. Enforcement of Building and Housing Code violations
10. Control over the spread of polio and Asian flu
11. Adoption of a general form for reporting violations and defects in city services

12. Preliminary approvals of building plans by Fire Department to eliminate possible fire hazards in the future

13. Forming of inspection teams in groups of nine — three each from the Building, Fire, and Health Departments, working simultaneously in specific areas

14. Inauguration of a street numbering program

15. Inauguration of an accelerated inspection program covering schools, churches, hospitals, rest homes, day nurseries, etc.

We are hopeful that during the current year legislation will be enacted and the ordinances amended to expand our membership and activities so that our contemplated program for the future will become a reality.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ARTHUR REILLY, *Chairman,*

JOHN H. CAULEY, M.D.,

FRANCIS X. COTTER,

THOMAS J. HUGHES,

TIMOTHY J. O'CONNOR.

LAWRENCE W. COSTELLO,  
*Acting Secretary.*

Number of permits and licenses issued from January 1 to December 31, 1958, by the Permit Division of the Committee on Licenses, Building Department, and revenue received for same:

CLASS	Number of Permits and Licenses Issued	Revenue Received
Garages . . . . . Private      152 cars    128 permits    \$665 00 Lubritoriums    32 cars    16 permits    915 00 Repair shops    100 cars    12 permits    1,295 00 Motor Reg. Inspections    2 cars    2 permits    110 00 Business      621 cars    39 permits    2,346 00 Public        84 cars    1 permit    134 00 Totals      . 991 cars    198 permits    \$5,465 00	198	\$5,465 00
Flammables . . . . . Total Gallonage: 2,250,616 gallons Total Number of Cubic Feet of Gases: 335,601	140	9,155 00
Open-Air Parking Spaces: (Total Number of Park- ing Spaces for Cars: 20,522) . . . . .	519	95,165 00
Total . . . . .	857	\$109,785 00



## LIST OF OPEN-AIR PARKING SPACES FOR THE YEAR 1958

LOCATION	Licensor	Area	Number Cars	License Number
307 Albany st., Boston.....	Leon Brown.....	3,000	21	90
Rear 10-16 Atlantic av., Boston.....	North End Auto Park, Inc.....	21,600	100	42
474-476 and 514-516 Atlantic av., Boston.....	Atlantic Auto Park, Inc.....	120,605	350	94
436 Atlantic av., Boston.....	Raymond V. Finnegan.....	3,840	9	28
8 Avery pl., Boston.....	Samuel S. Boland.....	3,000	19	1
335 B st., South Boston.....	B Street Auto Park, Inc.....	37,000	50	319
286 Babcock st., Brighton.....	Connolly Buick Company.....	14,500	100	258
137 Beach and 176 South sts., Boston.....	Beach Street Realty, Inc.....	3,500	16	96
17 Beacon st., Boston.....	Garage Service Corp.....	3,500	25	52
785 Beacon st., Boston.....	Robert H. Sullivan.....	3,150	25	128
151 Beverly st., Boston.....	James J. O'Halloran.....	7,380	25	33
19-31 Bowker st., Boston.....	James W. Meek.....	11,611	58	3
801 Boylston st., Boston.....	Ralph M. Naves.....	3,500	25	8
1220 Boylston st., Boston.....	Sun Oil Company.....	7,000	45	84
1279 Boylston st., Boston.....	Fenway Park Parking, Inc.....	59,347	150	150
1301 Boylston st., Boston.....	Gabriel Wollman.....	5,000	35	242
1325 Boylston st., Boston.....	Peter Mouris.....	12,500	36	175

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LOCATION	Licensee	Area	Number Cars	License Number
1330 Boylston st., Boston	Christos Stathopoulos	7,000	49	98
1340 Boylston st., Boston	Audionics Company, Inc.	11,750	63	303
15 Brainerd rd., Allston	Park Land, Inc.	11,037	10 for a fee 5 for tenants no fee	134
128 Brighton av., Allston	F. B. Auto Park	13,413	36	47
61-71 Bristol st., Boston	Louis Gilman	5,330	22	198
19-31 Bowker st., Boston	James W. Meek	4,600	32	3
47-53 Broad st., Boston	Joseph T. Deragon	3,500	21	49
155 Broadway, Boston	S. & S. Gulf Service	9,446	50	18
207 Broadway, Boston	Najeb Succar	9,500	44	74
372 Broadway, Boston	Rapid Service Realty Corp.	10,000	50	22
115-121 Brookline av., Boston	Pocasset Realty Trust	22,112	42	316
150 Brookline av., Boston	Pilgrim Diner	6,168	25	168
Rear 40-42 Bunker Hill st., Charlestown	Elizabeth Pelosi	4,364.5	14	75
115 Cambridge st., Boston	Augustus Mantia	11,798	75	67
200 Cambridge st., Boston	Chester's Auto Park	7,906	40	124
261 Cambridge st., Boston	John P. McGarry	575	4	41
269-273 Cambridge st., Boston	The Massachusetts General Hospital	44,100	245	314

296 Cambridge st., Boston.....	Sun Oil Company.....	5,978	8	290
322-330 Cambridge st., Boston.....	E. E. Blamy.....	6,460	20	132
87-89-91 Canal st., Boston.....	Canal Street Auto Park.....	2,070	10	193
91 Carver st., Boston.....	Arthur Miller.....	2,355	10	66
11-23 Central st., Boston.....	Kilby Parking Company, Inc.....	11,127	73	6
95-97 Charter st., Boston.....	Antonetta Giso.....	2,308	10	24
72 Chelsea st., Charlestown.....	Northern Contracting Corp.....	14,254	77	86
144-185 Chelsea st., Charlestown.....	Mystic Parking, Inc.....	71,500	500	111
35 Chestnut st., Charlestown.....	Mary L. Buckley.....	8,100	37	162
36-38-40 Chestnut st., Charlestown.....	Joseph L. Mellino.....	7,000	5	230
1 Chocorua rd., Jamaica Plain.....	P. Deveney Company, Inc.....	31,080	150	281
66-72 Church st., Boston.....	Greyhound Rent-A-Car, Inc.....	4,293	21	273
75 Clarendon st., Boston.....	Liberty Service Station.....	12,092	70	55
16 Colliston rd., Brighton.....	Abraham Reichert.....	8,300	5	274
2004 Columbus av., Roxbury.....	Joseph P. Pavidis.....	9,696	17	247
2026 Columbus av., Roxbury.....	Esso Standard Oil Company.....	23,266	46	252
122-124 Commerce st., Boston.....	Carl Lochialto.....	3,500	25	166
376 Commercial st., Boston.....	G. Savarese & Sons, Inc.....	3,500	25	125
548-554 Commercial st., Boston.....	Patrick Anastasia.....	1,848	5	133
588 Commercial st., Boston.....	Rocco Zucco.....	20,281	49	26
23-24 Common st., Charlestown.....	Henry Cure.....	2,440	10	167

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LOCATION	Licensee	Area	Number Cars	License Number
388 Commonwealth av., Boston.....	Somerset Hotel of Boston.....	7,254	18	292
573-575 Commonwealth av., Boston.....	Edward Adolph.....	8,270	21	278
577-589 Commonwealth av., Boston.....	Kenmore Auto Park.....	12,240	85	249
599-601 Commonwealth av., Boston.....	William Strang.....	15,682	49	127
665 Commonwealth av., Boston.....	John A. Guzzi.....	7,000	49	19
1251-1263 Commonwealth av., Brighton.....	Israel Weiner.....	7,700	25	194
1447 Commonwealth av., Brighton.....	George F. Kelley.....	7,000	49	289
1550 Commonwealth av., Brighton.....	Matty's Service Station, Inc.....	10,000	20	140
231-237 Congress st., Boston.....	Gloria Gretskey.....	3,200	22	48
338-342 Congress st., South Boston.....	Dominic Bramante.....	4,939	18	271
22 Court st., Boston.....	Parkhere, Inc.....	17,500	91	30
20 Coventry st., Roxbury.....	J. Wilson Parker.....	9,170	25	135
114 Cross st., Boston.....	Sunner Tunnel Service Station.....	2,800	5	237
5-11 Custom House st., Boston.....	Custom House Motor Mart, Inc.....	1,400	10	312
30 Deerfield st., and 106 Bay State rd.....	Loyal Protective Life Insurance Company.....	19,904	69	82
10 Deerfield st., Boston.....	The General Tire Company.....	18,220	47	95
1950 Dorchester av., Dorchester.....	Robert T. Gilbody.....	21,429	101	205
10 Eliot st., Boston.....	Frank J. McDonald.....	5,478	35	7

14 Fargo st., South Boston.....	Fargo Development, Inc.....	46,479	36	232
60 Fayette st., Boston.....	Arthur Wolfe.....	16,600	75	104
17-19 Ferrin st., Charlestown.....	Frank Ercolini.....	2,088	10	112
47-51-53 Fleet st., Boston.....	Paul Grande.....	1,190	6	65
Rear 76-110 Gainsborough st., Boston.....	Wallace R. Marden Company.....	14,250	87	245
200 Green st., Jamaica Plain.....	Green Street Station Parking Lot.....	16,872	40	257
17 Hanover av., Boston.....	Anthony and Pasquale Beninati.....	1,310	7	165
248 Hanover st., Boston.....	Edward Gioidani.....	1,970	7	2
207 Harrison av., Boston.....	Philip M. Horan.....	2,100	14	58
484-500 Harrison av., Boston.....	The Hertz Corporation.....	45,439	100	294
937-941 Harrison av., and 3-11 Fairweather st., Boston.....	Giovanni Carbone.....	8,500	23	131
214 Harvard av., Allston.....	The California Oil Co.....	14,298	100	43
5-11 Haviland st., Boston.....	William Allen.....	15,128	79	301
47-53 Hudson st., and 48 Tyler st., Boston.....	Benne Schiff.....	6,976	47	51
62 Hudson st., Boston.....	Colonel E. Stevens.....	5,450	33	20
111 Hudson st., Boston.....	George Moses.....	10,000	50	103
920 Huntington av., Boston.....	Gergro Realty & Investment, Inc.....	15,192	25	240
55 Jersey st., Boston.....	Homestead Motor Car Company.....	32,679	215	99
49 Joy st., Boston.....	William and Lorene Nickerson.....	800	4	172
12-14 Kennard av., Boston.....	Herbert G. Anderson.....	3,900	13	32
Rear Kinross rd., Brighton.....	Philip Wernick.....	1,420	10	137

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LOCATION	Licenses	Area	Number Cars	License Number
82 Kneeland st., Boston.....	Loy Lee Trust; By Loy Wong, Chairman.....	1,400	9	284
12 Knight st., Readville.....	John E. Coury.....	13,790	50	11
18 Lawrence av., Roxbury.....	May Bothol.....	5,062	15	238
47-55 La Grange st., Boston.....	City Parking Garage, Inc.....	7,650	40	29
130-132 Leverett st., Boston.....	Harris Osofsky.....	18,338	50	9
40-54 Leon st., Boston.....	Kar-Hol Corp.....	39,000	148	40
30 Lowney Way and Tremont st., Charlestown.....	Mary E. Giblin.....	13,522	49	139
909 Massachusetts av., Boston.....	Dickson Truck Rental System, Inc.....	55,000	30	235
40 Malvern st., Allston (Rear of 75 Ashford st.).....	Gertrude B. Costello.....	8,850	40	251
20-30 Maverick sq., East Boston.....	Louis Ciampi.....	13,000	91	199
277 Maverick st., East Boston.....	Anthony and Ralph Correale.....	2,858	20	283
37 Merrimac st., Boston.....	C. Reynolds and J. Ferguson.....	9,036	45	246
60 Middlesex st., Boston.....	H. L. Miller.....	1,825	8	59
159-163 Milk st., and 6-8 Custom House st.....	Donald A. Foley.....	4,187	28	53
19-25-33 Wm. T. Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester.....	Simmons Parking Corporation.....	200,000	583	39
135 Nashua st., Boston.....	Patrick J. McDonough.....	21,000	148	313
39 Necco st., South Boston.....	Warehouse 13, Inc.....	13,840	73	64
4 and 6 Newbury st., Boston.....	Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company of Boston.....	8,736	49	5

			700	5	4
349 Newbury st., Boston.....	Newell B. Kurson.....				
399-405 Newbury st., Boston.....	Harvard Club of Boston.....		12,500	58	14
419-439 Newbury st., Boston.....	Somerset Hotel.....		23,750	98	163
565 Newbury st., Boston.....	Robert E. Wyner.....		7,000	36	241
575-587 Newbury st., Boston.....	520 Commonwealth Avenue Real Estate Trust.....		17,500	75	38
350-360 North st., and 30 Harris st., Boston.....	F. and A. Iaconelli.....		16,014	90	21
12-36 North Grove st., Boston.....	Massachusetts General Hospital.....		38,340	155	182
101 Northampton st., Boston.....	John Trioli.....		5,000	20	239
283 Northern av., South Boston.....	Harbor Motor Terminals, Inc.....		32,895	80	91
39 Park st., Charlestown.....	Louise Raia Palci.....		9,000	25	285
3-4-5 Ping On st., Boston.....	Ball Parking Company.....		6,425	28	17
87 Poplar st., Boston.....	Hyman Litinsky.....		2,100	9	31
180 Prince st., Boston.....	Down-Town Auto Parks, Inc.....		25,460	17	231
27-51 Purchase st., Boston.....	Murray's Auto Park.....		6,892	40	50
40 Readville st., Hyde Park.....	Alice T. Moses.....		14,000	75	130
97 Richmond st., Boston.....	Richmond Auto Park, Inc.....		9,000	63	23
37-39-41 Rutherford av., Charlestown.....	Frank Faraci.....		3,908	25	164
64 Sleeper st., South Boston.....	Farrell's Dock & Terminal Company.....		10,395	72	97
73-75 South st., being also 170-180 Essex st., Boston.....	Anchor Realty Corp.....		2,619	12	299
40-68 Stanhope st., Boston.....	Stanhope Garage, Inc.....		14,645	84	110
126-128-132 Staniford st., Boston.....	Angelo Pagano.....		3,023	12	54



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8 Sterling st., and 17 Williams st., Roxbury	James H. Blair	21,482	35	120
43 Stillman st., Boston	Peter J. Roberto	1,150	5	57
15 Stoneholm st., Boston	Lynwood Apartments, Inc.	5,940	19	233
163 Strathmore rd., Brighton	Freda D. Hanna	1,500	10	25
222 Stuart st., and 75 Church st., Boston	Charles Kinteris	1,400	9	105
240 Stuart st., and 66-72 Church st., Boston	Como Rombola	11,400	70	56
240 Stuart st., and Piedmont st.	Como Rombola	6,125	34	170
319 Stuart st., and 10 St. James av., Boston	Nationwide Parking, Inc.	13,700	63	106
249 Sumner st., East Boston	Jerry Nigro	7,520	25	12
1-17 Tremont pl., Boston	Realty Service, Boston, Inc.	3,800	15	302
283-285 Tremont st., Boston	Elliott's Parking Lot	4,578	17	192
357-359 Tremont st., Boston	Paul's Texaco Service Station	2,200	18	16
35 Tyler st., Boston	Boston Tuberculosis Association	3,225	13	101
12-20 Vinal st., Allston	Mae Zienan	17,724	30	15
15-17-19 Walbridge st., Allston	Wilhelm M. Hansen	10,846	20	236

23 Walbridge st., Allston.....	Philip Chansky.....	15,412	50	123
3-5-7 Wall st., Boston.....	Joseph Freni.....	4,332	20	129
45-47 Wall st., Boston.....	John Colonna.....	2,160	8	152
20-22 Wapping st., Charlestown.....	Edsen J. Marlin.....	2,307	18	293
243-247 Warren st., Roxbury.....	Russell Dikmak.....	3,420	24	151
1180 Washington st., Boston.....	William Saitz.....	14,181	50	250
2750 Washington st., Roxbury.....	Madeline R. Millman.....	9,415	10	287
3694 Washington st., Forest Hills.....	Ramsdell's Auto Park.....	73,430	200	282
3699 Washington st., or 11 Morton st., Forest Hills.....	The California Oil Company.....	14,900	50	126
3710 Washington st., Forest Hills.....	Walter D. Nolan.....	17,848	50	286
400 West Broadway, South Boston.....	Namkub Products, Inc.....	9,530	17	298
295 West First st., and 300 West Second st., South Boston	A. J. Elliott Motor Transportation, Inc.....	61,125	35	248
106-114 West Brookline st., Boston.....	Josephine and William Walker.....	12,663	49	10
105 Western av., Brighton.....	Harvard University.....	428,200	1,304	136
5-37 Westland av., 235-277 Massachusetts av., 10-30 Burbank st., Boston.....	C. Greenbaum Associates, Inc.....	85,000	350	169
28 Woodlawn st., Jamaica Plain.....	Mrs. George J. LaVerdure.....	2,945	6	280
4 Wyman pl., Jamaica Plain.....	Angelo Criscitiello.....	10,000	49	13

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LOCATION	Licensee	Area	Number Cars	License Number
4 Alden st. and 4-6 Alden et., Boston.....	Bowdoin Amusement Company, Inc.....	4,443	20	190
65-71 Cambridge st. and 10 Hawkins st., Boston.....	Bowdoin Amusement Company, Inc.....	18,286	93	191
8-10 Edgeworth st., Charlestown.....	George P. Byrne.....	3,124	21	195
34-36-38 Ferrin st., Charlestown.....	George P. Byrne.....	3,556	20	196
146 A st., South Boston.....	Lester S. Chilson Company, Inc.....	3,500	25	44
4 Baldwin st., South Boston.....	Lester S. Chilson Company, Inc.....	5,000	29	45
45-53 Broadway and 1-11 Shawmut st., Boston.....	Philip Ferris.....	8,485	50	72
67-69 Broadway and 5-7-9-Piedmont st., Boston.....	Philip Ferris.....	4,898	14	73
22 Common st. and 41 Warrenton st, Boston.....	Victor J. Ferris.....	4,370	20 additional	70
8-24 Shawmut av., Boston.....	Victor J. Ferris.....	9,499	50	70
267 Tremont st., Boston.....	Shawmut Parking, Inc., by Victor J. Ferris.....	6,164	35	71
49 Billerica st., Boston.....	John I. Fitzgerald, d/b/a James J. Connolly Co.....	3,500	25	177
38-46 Lowell st. and 43-47 Billerica st., Boston.....	John I. Fitzgerald, d/b/a James J. Connolly Co.....	4,207	24	178
59-61 Lovell st. and 43-47 Billerica st., Boston.....	John I. Fitzgerald, d/b/a James J. Connolly Co.....	2,075	12	259
66-68 Nashua st., Boston.....	John I. Fitzgerald, d/b/a James J. Connolly Co.....	3,500	25	176
154 Beverly st., Boston.....	Fitz-Inn Auto Parks, Inc.....	9,500	44	141
329 Charles st., Boston.....	Fitz-Inn Auto Parks, Inc.....	9,000	42	142
2-8 Congress st. (corner of State st.), Boston.....	Fitz-Inn Auto Parks, Inc.....	14,720	80	143

130 Dartmouth st. and 7-27 Harwich st., Boston . . . . .	Fitz-Inn Auto Parks, Inc. . . . .	12,690	65	144
10-24 Harwich st., Boston . . . . .	Fitz-Inn Auto Parks, Inc. . . . .	7,698	38	145
12-14 Huntington av. . . . .	Fitz-Inn Auto Parks, Inc. . . . .	13,343	54	180
40 Isabella st., Boston . . . . .	Fitz-Inn Auto Parks, Inc. . . . .	5,474	30	305
153 Newbury st., Boston . . . . .	Fitz-Inn Auto Parks, Inc. . . . .	7,880	35	304
29-37 Pemberton sq., Boston . . . . .	Park-Inn Company . . . . .	10,700	73	146
65 Scollay sq., Boston . . . . .	Park-Inn Company . . . . .	9,926	58	147
24-26 Somerset st., Boston . . . . .	Fitz-Inn Auto Parks, Inc. . . . .	5,433	32	148
28 Somerset st., Boston . . . . .	Fitz-Inn Auto Parks, Inc. . . . .	3,325	18	306
421 Stuart st., Boston . . . . .	Fitz-Inn Auto Parks, Inc. . . . .	33,350	150	308
8-16 Brookline av. . . . .	Fitz-Inn Auto Parks, Inc. . . . .	15,219	55	319
107-117 Arlington st., Boston . . . . .	Arlington Company . . . . .	11,635	68	228
1-3 Ashburton pl., Boston . . . . .	Boston Auto Parks, Inc. . . . .	4,048	21	219
12-14 Ashburton pl., Boston . . . . .	The Ashburton Company . . . . .	7,586	38	210
370 Atlantic av., Boston . . . . .	Boston Auto Parks, Inc. . . . .	60,011	55	218
92-98 Bowdoin st., Boston . . . . .	General Trading Company . . . . .	6,900	37	215
17-51 Brattle st. and 33-49 Hanover st., Boston . . . . .	The Brattle Company . . . . .	45,145	241	208
18 Broadway, Eliot, Carver and Stuart sts., Boston . . . . .	Red Crown Oil Products Company . . . . .	17,915	105	225
35 Buckingham st., Boston . . . . .	Back Bay Auto Park . . . . .	11,752	64	209
210-214 Causeway st., Boston . . . . .	General Trading Company . . . . .	6,439	31	212
206 Columbus av., Berkeley st. and Isabella st., Boston . . . . .	Red Crown Oil Products Company . . . . .	10,904	61	227

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562-574 Commonwealth av. and 682-694 Beacon st., Boston.....	Boston Auto Parks, Inc.....	25,000	125	222
169-195 Congress st., Boston.....	General Trading Company.....	16,394	90	213
41 Dalton st., and 85 Huntington av., Boston.....	Eliot-Carver Company.....	623,100	300	121
75 Exeter st., Boston.....	Eliot-Carver Company.....	40,800	85	309
89-107 Federal st., Boston.....	Eliot-Carver Company.....	16,285	75	183
1-3 Gainsborough st., Boston.....	Boston Auto Parks, Inc.....	24,207	109	221
50-64 Hanover st., Boston.....	50-64 Hanover Company.....	44,148	244	207
53-59 India st., Boston.....	General Trading Company.....	3,372	18	214
1 Lovejoy pl., Boston.....	General Trading Company.....	5,015	25	300
24-32 Lowell st., and Coting and Billerica sts., Boston.....	The Coting Company.....	5,670	31	206
30-50 Mason st., Boston.....	Eliot-Carver Company.....	11,484	59	223
18-28 Nashua st., Boston.....	Nashua Parking Company.....	15,267	66	229
36-40 Nashua st., Boston.....	The Coting Company.....	8,628	45	205
44 Nashua st., and Coting st., Boston.....	The Coting Company.....	3,360	21	204
99 Nashua st., Boston.....	Boston Auto Parks, Inc.....	39,500	150	211
10 Somerset st., Boston.....	Eliot-Carver Company.....	8,000	43	224
77 Stanhope st., Boston.....	General Trading Company.....	12,185	66	217
150 Stuart st., Boston.....	Red Crown Oil Products Company.....	20,333	113	226

196 Stuart st., etc., Boston.	The Stuart Parking Company.	9,029	46	149
421 Stuart st., Boston.	Boston Auto Parks, Inc.	33,350	153	220
1927 Beacon st., Brighton.	Gulf Oil Corp.	26,530	35	76
148 Chestnut Hill av., Brighton.	Gulf Oil Corp.	18,973	25	77
210 Columbus av., and 120 Berkeley st., Boston.	Gulf Oil Corp.	31,214	100	79
1650 Commonwealth av., Brighton.	Gulf Oil Corp.	19,546	50	78
563 Huntington av., Boston.	Gulf Oil Corp.	7,143	50	310
182-188 Summer st., and 612-624 Atlantic av., Boston.	Gulf Oil Corp.	18,326	50	80
336-352 Tremont st., Boston.	Gulf Oil Corp.	14,557	78	81
12 Bulfinch st., and 52-60 Howard st., Boston.	Paul K. Handy.	6,069	39	60
30-38 Chardon st., Boston.	Paul K. Handy.	8,808	55	62
174-176 Columbus av., Boston.	John F. Handy.	4,840	25	85
182-188 Columbus av., Boston.	John F. Handy.	4,840	21 Additional	85
1-19 Green st., 2-18 Chardon st., and 11-13 Pitts st., Boston.	Paul K. Handy.	21,433	137	61
75 Belvidere st., Boston.	Huntington Auto Parks, Inc.	4,435	15	202
87-93 Belvidere st., Boston.	Huntington Auto Parks, Inc.	25,000	110	203
100 Belvidere st., and 280 West Newton st., Boston.	Huntington Auto Parks, Inc.	13,078	35	200
62-70 St. Germain st., Boston.	Huntington Auto Parks, Inc.	4,479	20	201
4 Irvington st., Boston.	William Lyndon.	7,100	50	187
125 Kneeland st., Boston.	William Lyndon.	18,500	98	186
275 South st., and Utica st., Boston.	William Lyndon.	46,000	300	185

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LOCATION	LICENSEE	Area	Number Cars	License Number
Trinity Place Station, Boston.....	William Lyndon.....	7,000	50	184
3-5-7 Chatham Row and 57 Chatham st., Boston.....	Francis H. Maher.....	2,084	13	173
132-136 State st., Boston.....	Francis H. Maher.....	1,400	8	174
9 Glenville av., Brighton.....	(Nathan Mazur) Brainerd Auto Park Company.....	7,150	50	279
Rear 80-90 Gordon st., Brighton.....	(Nathan Mazur) Mazur & Weinberg Real Estate Trust..	34,000	20	263
100 Kilmarnock st., Brighton.....	(Nathan Mazur) Brainerd Auto Park Company.....	25,419	50	262
97 Lanark rd., Brighton.....	(Nathan Mazur) Brainerd Auto Park Company.....	10,712	50	260
23 Redford st., Brighton.....	(Nathan Mazur) Brainerd Auto Park Company.....	10,712	50	261
79-85 Queensberry st., Boston.....	Linwood Grill, Inc.....	20,706	50	69
91-101 Queensberry st., Boston.....	Stephen McGrail.....	8,710	46	68
35-39 Arch st., Boston.....	Arch Street Realty, Inc.....	3,400	21	153
70 Federal st., Boston.....	Federal Parking, Inc.....	10,000	58	155
2-26 Friend st. and 50-60 Elm st., Boston.....	Post Office Square Parking, Inc.....	7,000	46	154
16-24 Hollis st. and 17-85 Common st., Boston.....	Pilgrim Parking, Inc.....	28,500	168	156
41-47 Stuart st. and 40-50 La Grange st., Boston.....	Arch Street Realty, Inc.....	14,031	89	158
294-300 Atlantic av., Boston.....	Federal Parking, Inc.....	38,350	154	307
17 Tyler st. and 76-82 Harrison av., Boston.....	Devey-Annex, Inc.....	8,814	54	159
121-141 Tyler st. and 232-252 Harrison av., Boston.....	Federal Parking, Inc.....	25,651	140	160



837-857 Washington st. and Warrenton and Common sts., Boston.....	Arch Street Realty, Inc.....	32,900	203	161
3-11 Hollis st., 2-18 Dillaway st., 10 Dore st. and 769-777 Washington st., Boston.....	New England Auto Parking System, Inc.....	21,465	130	107
321 Stuart st. and 24-30 St. James av., Boston.....	System Auto Parks & Garages, Inc.....	51,324	299	108
300 Stuart st., Boston.....	System Auto Parks & Garages, Inc.....	96,165	61	109
300 Stuart st., Boston.....	System Auto Parks & Garages, Inc.....	9,616	61	109
73-85 Brookline av., Boston.....	Newton Realty Company.....	43,403	245	88
539 Newbury st., Boston.....	Newton Realty Company.....	7,000	49	87
16 Ferrin st., Charlestown.....	Herbert Skolnik.....	1,200	9	93
20 Ferrin st., Charlestown.....	Herbert Skolnik.....	1,000	7	92
171-189 A st., South Boston.....	Abraham Solomon.....	25,126	50	113
212-214 A st., South Boston.....	Abraham Solomon.....	7,149	50	114
275 A st., South Boston.....	Abraham Solomon.....	38,068	150	115
23 Chardon st., Boston.....	Abraham Solomon.....	9,271	60	116
25 and 27 Farnsworth st., South Boston.....	Abraham Solomon.....	9,034	50	117
30 Necco st., South Boston.....	Abraham Solomon.....	28,500	100	118
15 Pittsburgh st., South Boston.....	Abraham Solomon.....	8,963	50	119
23 and 27 Sleeper st., South Boston.....	Abraham Solomon.....	10,000	50	122
74 Sudbury st., Boston.....	Abraham Solomon.....	4,274	25	120
93 Sudbury st., Boston.....	Abraham Solomon.....	6,294	30	121
332 Chestnut Hill av., Brighton.....	Maristia L. O'Connell.....	31,910	70	256

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LOCATION	Licensee	Area	Number Cars	License Number
584 Commonwealth av., Boston.....	The Texas Company.....	13,466	25	253
200 Ipswich st. and 1241 Boylston st., Boston.....	The Texas Company.....	20,106	50	255
122 Seaver st., Roxbury.....	The Texas Company.....	18,600	40	254
285-295 Broadway and 272 Harrison av., Boston.....	Boston Parking Company, Inc.....	2,700	14	34
27-29 Curve st., and 143-145-147-149 Hudson st., Boston.....	Boston Parking Company.....	6,193	37	35
30 Curve st., Boston.....	Boston Parking Company.....	9,763	25	36
1-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10 Noanet st. Boston.....	Boston Parking Company.....	11,209	74	37
120 Brookline av., Boston.....	United Consumers, Inc.....	3,500	25	189
75 Van Ness st., Boston.....	United Consumers, Inc.....	7,000	50	188
BASEBALL				
Rear 1365 Boylston st., Boston.....	Michael D. Saunders.....	7,677	45	264
1369 Boylston st., Boston.....	Michael D. Saunders.....	9,700	50	265
147 Brookline av., and 27 Fullerton st., Boston.....	K. B. Newton Realty Company, Inc.....	42,965	50	269
565 Commonwealth av., Boston.....	The General Tire Company.....	7,840	32	266
590-594-598 Commonwealth av., Boston.....	George H. Kerr.....	18,860	98	272
25 Overland st., Boston.....	K. B. Newton Realty Company, Inc.....	9,900	45	268
20 Van Ness and 189 Ipswich sts., Boston.....	Lalime & Partridge, Inc.....	22,111	94	270

May 1, 1959.

HON. JOHN B. HYNES,  
*Mayor of Boston.*

DEAR MR. MAYOR:

This report for the year 1958 is the fourth annual report of the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 616, Acts of 1955, as amended, is herewith submitted through the Building Commissioner.

The Commission has the duty of passing on the appropriateness of all changes in exterior architectural features of structures in the historic Beacon Hill district. We held nine meetings in 1958, all of which were open to the public. Fees for certificates of appropriateness amounted to \$145. Cases before the Commission were disposed of as follows:

1. Certificates of appropriateness issued . . . . .	20
2. Certificates of appropriateness rejected . . . . .	1
3. Certificates of appropriateness withdrawn . . . . .	2
4. Certificates of appropriateness pending . . . . .	2
5. Certificates of nonapplicability . . . . .	23
6. Approvals given for ordinary repairs . . . . .	24
7. Advisory opinions given, no action required . . . . .	1
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Total cases . . . . .	73

For 1956, 73 and for 1957, 93 cases were handled.

The membership of the Commission, as appointed by your Honor, on December 31, 1958, stood as follows:

Member	Nominated by	Term Ends
Carmen DiStefano	Boston Society of Architects	May 1, 1963
John Codman, Chairman	Boston Real Estate Board	May 1, 1962
Robert E. Minot	Beacon Hill Civic Association	May 1, 1961
Charles A. Callanan, Vice Chairman	The Mayor	May 1, 1960
Andrew H. Hepburn	Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities	May 1, 1959

Frank J. Coughlin, executive secretary of the Building Department, continued to act as secretary to the Commission.

During the year the Legislature amended Chapter 616, Acts of 1955, by two significant acts.

Chapter 314, Acts of 1958, was the result of a bill which your Honor submitted at the suggestion of the Commission. It strengthened the original law by giving the Commission control over changes in color and the power to prevent the demolition of buildings.

We were pleased that the Legislature recognized the thesis that you cannot maintain the integrity of a historic district if incongruous colors are allowed to creep in or our architectural heritage gradually is demolished. This amendment now gives our law the same powers as are contained in the Nantucket and Lexington Laws and in such other architectural control laws of historic districts in Alexandria and Richmond, Virginia, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Georgetown, D.C.

Chapter 315 extended the historic district to include "Lower Beacon Hill" or the area west of River street to Embankment road and north of Beacon street to Pinckney street. The Commission was extremely pleased that property owners in this area felt that the law was working out so well that they wished to be included under the Commission's jurisdiction. This amendment added approximately fourteen acres to the historic Beacon Hill district, so that it now comprises approximately thirty-six acres.

There has been a marked improvement in the appearance of many properties in the historic district in the last four years, and the clean-up campaign and the window box program of the Beacon Hill Civic Association and Garden Club has further enhanced the attractiveness of the area. We believe that the architectural control law has been an incentive for this increased civic consciousness.

The Commission has continued to receive excellent cooperation from the Building Department and other city departments and, in general, from the public concerned with its work. Very occasionally we encounter property owners and tenants who are uncooperative. Even most of these have been won over to the program by patient persuasion.

We are still hopeful that we can administer this law without legal action, but we may have to appeal to the Superior Court occasionally, where all else fails.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CODMAN, *Chairman.*

## SUMMARY OF RENEWAL ACTIVITY IN THE MT. BOWDOIN-CODMAN IMPROVEMENT AREA

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March 1, 1959.

HON. JOHN B. HYNES,  
*Mayor of Boston.*

In June, a vital element in the workable program for urban renewal was initiated by the designation of the Mt. Bowdoin-Codman section of Dorchester as an improvement area. This area of nearly four hundred acres was selected by the Mayor's Coordinating Committee as a pilot area in a projected plan to conserve and improve a belt of substantially good property clear across the city. The intention is to immediately establish a stop-the-blight zone and at the same time provide a first point of attack in the long-term "roll-back" of blight, as federal funds become available for rehabilitation of the bordering blighted areas to the north.

Under the auspices of the Dorchester Rehabilitation and Conservation Committee a "grass-roots" citizen association and an advisory committee of local banking interests have been formed as citizen participation groups. The city's participation in the program has two phases, that of code inspection and enforcement and providing public improvements.

The Mt. Bowdoin-Codman Citizens Action Committee has had one general meeting a month, starting in July, and a steering committee has also been meeting every third Monday in the month. The average attendance at the general meetings has been fifty, and about two hundred people have attended at least one meeting. The usual officers have been elected and several subcommittees have been formed to report on civic improvements needed in the area. Speakers from city departments have been provided for the monthly meetings, and suitable publicity has been obtained from the local papers just prior to the meetings. The providing of speakers has been a vital element in encouraging attendance through the winter.

In November an advisory committee composed of representatives of the banking interests was formed to make advice and service available to owners in the area regarding loans and mortgages. This committee has not been active, one reason being that the area is not eligible for Section 220 loans, i.e., F.H.A. special insurance for renewal areas.



On August 4 three teams of three men each, representing the Building, Health, and Fire Departments, started a systematic code inspection program. Letters signed by the deputy mayor telling of the program and its objective were mailed to all owners and tenants prior to the inspectors' visit to the premises. The inspections were completed at the end of a 6-months' period, as estimated, at the rate of 15 dwelling units per team per day. Ninety-two per cent of 4,998 units were inspected.\*

This area is truly a transition or boundary area with substandard conditions just beginning to show at the northwest corner, middle-income housing, mostly two-family houses, on the west and the central eastern part, with a fine old single-family area holding up in the southeastern section, and a small single-family development being hard pressed in the Mt. Bowdoin section in the northeast. The housing, containing 5,000 dwelling units in 2,272 structures, is almost entirely of wood frame construction. In 1950, on a structure basis, the houses were 75 per cent owner occupied, an increase of 19 per cent over 1940 census data.

The results of the inspection program showed a total of 941 code violations affecting 434 structures, the great majority of violations being minor in character. Almost half of the violations were recorded in the northwest section, containing 29 per cent of the dwelling units, where blight is beginning to show. In this northwest section 19 per cent of the structures had building code violations and 8.7 per cent had housing code violations. In the total area 276, or 12 per cent of the structures, had building code violations, 90, or 4 per cent, had housing code violations, and 151, or 6.7 per cent, had fire regulation violations. For comparison purposes, as between a structure and dwelling unit as the basic unit, it was found that the percentage of housing code violations was very nearly the same — 4 per cent against 3.8 per cent.

As to type of violation, the building inspection records were as follows: 32 per cent faulty porches (rotted floors, rails, and posts), 21 per cent exterior

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\* This percentage does not hold for Building Code inspections since those inspectors were assigned to the school survey near the end of the program. At that time it was agreed that the health inspectors would note probable structural defects in their inspections and notify the Building Department for a later inspection.

stairs in bad condition, 12 per cent cracked or deteriorated foundations,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent lack of proper egress,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent interior defects (plaster, ceiling, or wall in bad condition, etc.), 5 per cent chimney defects, 2 per cent roofs in poor condition, 17 per cent miscellaneous (cracked outside walls, garages in disrepair, rotted gutters, illegal occupancy, etc.). Of these violations, 16 per cent were classified as unsafe and dangerous, requiring immediate correction.

Housing code violations showed 45 per cent pertaining to light, ventilation, and heating infringements, 30 per cent to improper storage and disposal of rubbish and garbage, 13 per cent to plumbing defects, and 12 per cent to maintenance deficiencies. There were 44 cases of insufficient electric outlets, 27 cases of improper ventilation of bathrooms, 26 cases of rubbish stored in an unsanitary manner within the dwelling unit, 23 cases of lack of window or skylight to habitable room, 22 cases of obstructed means of egress, and 25 other types of violations varying from 1 to 21 of each.

Of the 167 fire regulation violations, 82 were for rubbish in the cellar, 68 were for lack of an oil permit, the other 17 being chargeable against hazardous storage of rubbish in attics, halls, and yards, improper smoke and steampipe connections, defective heaters, etc.

Regarding compliance, the record in the Building Department indicates that out of 511 violations approximately 260 have been abated, 190 are still in process, some of which may require court action, and 60 cases required court action. Most of the cases entered in the court have been completed and thus abated but some are still in process. In addition, the Building Department inspection reports noted some 200 buildings that needed painting. Since August 4, 150 permits to make repairs have been issued by the Building Department. Some, of course, were the result of compliance with the code, but a large number were by voluntary action.

The Health Department records show that 246 of the 263 violations have been abated and 17 are still pending. Fire regulations require that violations be corrected within 48 hours. Reinspections have been made, and the record indicates that there has been 100 per cent compliance on fire violations.

On the positive side, as a result of committee action, Mt. Bowdoin Green, a small park area, was cleaned up,

16 diseased trees were removed, 3 streets were repaved, slow signs were erected on West Tremlett street, 1 dilapidated dwelling was razed, action was taken on several complaints involving garbage disposal, sewer conditions, etc. Surveys for improved street lighting and reconstructed streets and sidewalks have been made, and a program has been established for the spring construction season.

The Department of Public Works has budgeted 9 streets for complete reconstruction and 9 additional streets for sidewalk repairs. A citizens subcommittee was formed at the last meeting to survey residents of these 18 streets to determine which owners desired tree planting, the Park Department having requested \$4,000 in its budget for this item. The improved street lighting program is scheduled to begin shortly.

The citizens committee brought a petition to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a change in zone from business to residential to conserve an area on Washington street which is now basically in residential use. The group is acutely aware of zoning as a tool for betterment. However, two of their zoning problems are general in character. One is that the upper part of Washington street, which is zoned as a local business district, is gradually becoming a general business district, i.e., wholesale business, storage, and even manufacturing are creeping in through the variance procedure. For instance, a wholesale grocery establishment is now operating in a former theater, and a garage has been turned into a paper box assembling plant. This is a natural process, as the demand for a higher use (in this case, local business operations) peters out, but it is of course in the direction of obsolescence as far as the immediate neighborhood is concerned. The other problem is that of razing nonconforming vacant store buildings (there are several in the area). There has as yet been no demonstration on the part of the committee to persuade rehabilitation of neighboring homes needing repair. The reason for this is that the committee members to a large extent represent the better sections in the area. They are aware that blight at the north west corner is spreading, and their ulterior motive is to prevent minority groups from moving in. They have been inclined to take the position of "Let's see what the city is going to do first." They are impatient with the delays in the process of eliminating particular gripes

that they themselves have reported, such as the razing of an abandoned building or the fixing up of a building that is badly in need of repair, and where the owner is using every possible means to forestall it. Nevertheless there are several real workers on the committee, and there is therefore a good nucleus for an expanded neighborhood organization where none previously existed. The real test on the success of this program will be shown by their response to a scheduled consolidated public improvement program in the late spring. If favorable it should ignite a larger membership drive with a division into sectional committees, which should undertake some demonstration of private rehabilitation work.

### *Problems*

1. The matter of allaying an antiminority feeling. (Early suggestion for an anti-discrimination speaker quashed.)

2. How to move the advisory group from a "we will help stage" into doing a little programming and publicity on its own. (Frankly, I haven't followed through on this.).

3. How to get the citizens committee to develop its own momentum instead of depending on the city as the prime mover. (At the last steering committee meeting the matter of expansion and renewal of sub-committee work was discussed.)

### *Recommendations*

That the United Community Services supply a social worker to fill the need of a community organizer.

That smaller areas be used as the unit for community organization — say about a quarter-mile radius. This would roughly be about one quarter of the Mt. Bowdoin-Codman area with about 1,200 dwelling units. A unit of this size might get behind block demonstration projects.

#### Stationery Expenses:

5,400 postage stamps . . . . .	\$162 00	
6,000 2-page planograph letters . . . . .	63 00	
200 "Your Neighborhood" pamphlets . . . . .	12 00	
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	\$237 00	\$237 00

## Inspection Costs, excluding Fire Department:

6 inspectors for 26 weeks at \$75 a week . . .	\$11,700 00	
1 supervisory inspector for 13 weeks at \$90 a week . . .	1,170 00	
1 clerk at Health Department for 30 weeks at \$47.75 a week . . .	1,432 00	
1 clerk at Planning Board for 30 weeks at \$47.75 a week . . .	1,432 00	
1 clerk at Planning Board for 16 weeks at \$47.75 a week . . .	764 00	
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	\$16,498 00	\$16,498 00
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THOMAS E. McCORMICK,  
*Coordinator.*



CLASSIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL  
(As effective on December 31, 1958)

Quota	Title	Grade	Compensation
1	Building Commissioner . . . .	—	\$916 67
1	Deputy Building Commissioner . .	32	151 01
1	Executive Secretary . . . . .	30	574 86
1	Head of Construction and Safety Inspections Division . . . .	30	136 75
1	Head of Mechanical Inspections Division . . . . .	30	136 75
1	Superintendent, Electrical Inspec- tions Division . . . . .	30	127 25
1	Assistant Executive Secretary . .	28	127 25
1	Technical Assistant to Building Commissioner . . . . .	28	132 00
2	Senior Construction Engineer . .	28	132 00
3	Senior Construction Engineer . .	28	\$243 95-574 20
1	Zoning Administrator . . . . .	28	132 00
2	Head Administrative Clerk . . . .	26	113 00-127 25
1	Chief Plumbing Inspector . . . .	26	122 50
1	Senior Legal Assistant . . . . .	25	113 00
2	Chief Building Inspector . . . .	24	113 00
1	Chief Egress Inspector . . . . .	24	113 00
1	Chief Electrical Inspector . . . .	24	103 50
1	Chief Elevator Inspector . . . . .	24	98 75
1	Chief Gas Fitting Inspector . . . .	24	113 00
1	Chief Sprinkler Inspector . . . .	24	91 75
2	Building Plan Examiner . . . . .	24	91 75
2	Head Clerk . . . . .	22	95 25
19	Interior Electrical Inspector . . . .	21	81 25- 98 75
1	Chief of Permit Division . . . . .	20	103 50
1	Legal Assistant . . . . .	20	95 25
2	Senior Egress Inspector . . . . .	20	91 75- 95 25
1	Supervisor, Street Numbering . .	20	95 25
1	Senior Cashier . . . . .	19	91 75
26	Building Inspector . . . . .	19	72 75- 91 75
3	Exterior Electrical Inspector . . . .	19	88 25- 98 75
9	Elevator Inspector . . . . .	18	72 75- 88 25
7	Gas Fitting Inspector . . . . .	18	72 75- 88 25
7	Plumbing Inspector . . . . .	18	72 75- 88 25



Quota	Title	Grade	Compensation
3	Sprinkler Inspector . . . . .	18	\$72 75-\$81 25
1	Street Numbering Inspector . . . . .	17	84 75
5	Zoning Egress Inspector . . . . .	17	84 75
5	Principal Clerk . . . . .	17	72 75- 84 75
2	Principal Clerk and Stenographer . . . . .	17	84 75
1	Cashier . . . . .	16	81 25
1	Encroachment Investigator . . . . .	15	77 75
7	Senior Clerk and Typist . . . . .	13	60 25- 72 75
1	Senior Clerk and Stenographer . . . . .	13	72 75
1	Motor Equipment Operator . . . . .	12	75 25
6	Clerk and Typist . . . . .	8	47 75

## Statement of Building Operations in the City of Boston for the Years 1954-1958.

	1958.		1957.		1956.		1955.		1954.	
	Num- ber.	Cost.	Num- ber.	Cost.	Num- ber.	Cost.	Num- ber.	Cost.	Num- ber.	Cost.
Type I.....	40	\$26,863,700	28	\$16,086,100	33	\$21,454,600	45	\$10,289,000	38	\$11,090,161
Type II.....	7	2,193,200	8	2,518,800	16	5,231,000	9	1,724,000	12	2,211,000
Type III.....	—	—	2	15,500	—	—	—	—	—	—
Type IV.....	73	2,334,600	99	4,444,300	99	2,917,600	126	4,758,775	90	2,250,820
Type V.....	34	328,800	40	293,500	41	437,150	50	497,665	44	410,805
Type VI.....	454	4,471,400	397	3,577,200	545	5,324,850	760	7,365,065	638	5,974,965
Total new construction.....	608	36,146,700	574	\$26,935,400	734	\$35,365,200	990	\$24,335,405	822	\$21,937,751
Alterations, repairs, etc.....	5,668	12,678,900	4,827	14,756,465	4,716	11,327,441	5,570	12,955,418	6,466	9,116,650
Total structural construction.....	6,276	48,825,600	5,401	\$41,691,865	5,450	\$46,692,641	6,560	\$37,290,823	7,288	\$31,054,401
Plumbing.....	2,080	2,817,400	2,006	\$2,944,151	2,376	\$2,432,589	2,635	\$2,141,201	2,658	\$2,795,490
Gas fitting.....	6,274	979,200	6,239	816,630	6,885	845,613	7,337	799,938	6,512	737,476
Heaters, ovens, etc.....	1,195	1,015,900	1,054	903,207	603	419,019	612	371,881	348	429,435
Elevators, new freight.....	15	506,800	25	1,442,990	36	186,770	24	105,855	28	108,919
Elevators, new passenger.....	65	3,521,600	44	1,698,100	36	747,290	34	747,100	27	413,926
Elevators, alterations, freight.....	153	321,600	90	123,400	109	116,390	142	80,476	128	76,534
Elevators, alterations, passenger.....	319	638,500	156	112,940	214	272,997	233	1,086,920	227	223,193
Elevators, alterations, etc.....	321	162,800	379	181,770	492	230,068	549	245,410	440	249,325
Fire escapes, etc.....	140	44,900	307	86,825	295	90,770	397	117,085	905	187,830
Take-downs, wood.....	381	282,300	456	465,500	321	266,025	182	136,208	112	93,939
Take-downs, brick, etc.....	456	619,700	239	635,150	251	458,110	183	450,445	57	141,800
Sprinklers.....	180	413,300	112	494,592	117	287,038	102	281,409	96	242,345
Excavations.....	74	154,200	40	60,475	49	21,400	91	86,720	32	52,690
Use of premises.....	60	—	60	—	63	—	53	—	74	—
Totals.....	11,713	\$9,462,000	11,213	\$9,910,730	11,847	\$6,374,079	12,594	\$6,650,648	11,644	\$5,752,902
Grand total all work.....	17,989	\$58,282,600	16,614	\$51,602,595	17,297	\$53,066,720	19,154	\$43,941,471	18,932	\$36,807,303
Department revenue.....	.....	\$373,282.72	.....	\$341,748.17	.....	\$200,021.16	.....	\$207,545.58	.....	\$118,476.12

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS AND FEES RECEIVED BY THE  
BUILDING DEPARTMENT — JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER  
31, 1958

	Documents	Fees Paid
New construction . . . . .	672	\$37,987 00
Alterations . . . . .	7,465	45,235 00
Elevator test and minor repairs . . . . .	1,821	19,631 00
Amendments . . . . .	149	928 00
Sprinklers . . . . .	210	1,347 00
Night elevator tests . . . . .	2	24 00
Special foundations . . . . .	38	185 00
Board of Appeal . . . . .	212	4,470 00
Boilers, etc. . . . .	1,227	2,883 00
Plumbing, old . . . . .	1,655	6,496 00
Plumbing, new . . . . .	529	4,858 00
Plumbing, no fee . . . . .	—	—
Gas fitting, old . . . . .	6,094	16,087 50
Gas fitting, new . . . . .	39	203 50
Gas fitting, no fee . . . . .	—	—
Building law books . . . . .	514	1,308 00
Pamphlets . . . . .	425	237 00
Elevator license, new . . . . .	1,488	2,976 00
Elevator license, renewal . . . . .	3,874	3,874 00
Commissioner's hearing . . . . .	25	625 00
Elevator licenses, out of town . . . . .	—	—
Elevators licenses, new, no fee . . . . .	20	—
Elevator licenses, renewal, no fee . . . . .	146	—
Elevator licenses, duplicates . . . . .	43	43 00
Master gas fitter licenses, new . . . . .	15	140 00
Master and journeyman licenses, renewal . . . . .	564	2,256 00
Master gas fitter licenses, renewal . . . . .	80	240 00
Journeyman gas fitter licenses, new . . . . .	17	90 00
Journeyman gas fitter licenses, renewal . . . . .	315	327 00
Inspection of plans . . . . .	234	916 00
Duplicate permits . . . . .	8	8 00
Welders' certificates . . . . .	13	39 00
Garage fees . . . . .	198	5,465 00
Parking permits . . . . .	519	95,165 00
Inflammables . . . . .	140	9,155 00
Electrical excess fees . . . . .	556	4,313 99
Electrical inspection fees . . . . .	12,402	105,769 73
	<u>41,709</u>	<u>\$373,282 72</u>

## SUMMARY OF EXAMINATIONS AND REPORTS, 1958

New buildings . . . . .	4,835
Alterations . . . . .	16,477
Boilers, engines, etc. . . . .	12
Plumbing, new . . . . .	2,263
Plumbing, alterations . . . . .	5,913
Plumbing tests . . . . .	318
Gas fitting, new . . . . .	997
Gas fitting, alterations . . . . .	10,761
Gas fitting, tests . . . . .	5,499
Egress . . . . .	22,140
Elevator inspections . . . . .	4,763
Elevator tests . . . . .	3,487
Sprinklers . . . . .	3,859
Standpipes . . . . .	205
Tests of both . . . . .	2,438
Zoning . . . . .	2,425
Plans . . . . .	1,713
Special form applications . . . . .	6,444
Fires . . . . .	1,071
Gas accidents:	
Fatal . . . . .	27
Nonfatal . . . . .	47
Elevator accidents:	
Fatal . . . . .	1
Nonfatal . . . . .	22
Building accidents — special reports . . . . .	5
Complaints made — {violations . . . . .	1,412
{unsafe buildings . . . . .	1,369
Finals . . . . .	2,193
Communications acted on . . . . .	908
Special detail — Civil Defense inspections . . . . .	715
Complaints referred to Court for action . . . . .	377

## ELECTRICAL INSPECTION DIVISION

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Exterior inspections made . . . . .	6,500
Manholes constructed . . . . .	242
Underground services installed . . . . .	704
Poles set in new locations . . . . .	840
Poles removed . . . . .	541
Poles standing in public ways . . . . .	22,703
Notices of overhead construction . . . . .	4,990
Notices of underground construction . . . . .	1,631
Reports of overhead construction . . . . .	5,025
Reports of underground construction . . . . .	1,475
Notices of street lamp locations received . . . . .	1,110
Street locations investigated (lamps) . . . . .	1,110
Vaults installed in public ways . . . . .	20
Vaults installed in public ways, 13,800 volts . . . . .	292
Underground conduit installed, number of feet . . . . .	90,469
Accident reports investigated, exterior . . . . .	133
Boarding and nursing homes inspected . . . . .	285
Hospitals inspected . . . . .	218
Nursery schools inspected . . . . .	106
Foster homes inspected . . . . .	14
Clinics inspected . . . . .	19
Harvard Medical School inspected . . . . .	14
Miscellaneous . . . . .	51
Fires investigated . . . . .	120
Accidents investigated . . . . .	110
Permits granted for electrical work, interior . . . . .	12,402
Interior inspections made . . . . .	31,548
Complaints received and investigated, interior . . . . .	689
Grants of locations approved . . . . .	126
Streets affected . . . . .	147
Underground services approved and referred to Public Works Department . . . . .	1,210
Plans loaned to utility companies and returned . . . . .	48

## FINANCIAL REPORT, 1958 — EXPENDITURES

## 1. PERSONAL SERVICES:

10. Permanent employees . . . . .	\$629,968 84
11. Temporary employees . . . . .	—
12. Overtime . . . . .	10,571 08
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	\$640,539 92

## 2. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:

21. Communications . . . . .	\$619 97
27. Repairs and servicing of equipment . . . . .	325 97
28. Travel expenses — inside the state . . . . .	16,044 42
29. Other contractual services . . . . .	1,457 65

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## 3. SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS:

30. Automotive supplies and materials . . . . .	\$159 07
36. Office supplies and materials . . . . .	10,978 97
39. Other operating supplies and materials . . . . .	139 38

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 \$11,277 42

## 4. CURRENT CHARGES AND OBLIGATIONS:

49. Dues, subscriptions, licenses, etc. . . . .	\$67 00
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## 5. EQUIPMENT:

59. Miscellaneous equipment . . . . .	\$135 70
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 Grand total . . . . . \$670,468 05


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 Appropriation . . . . . \$736,544 85


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 Department income . . . . . \$373,282 72

Unsafe buildings razed by city . . . . . 316

 Unsafe buildings shored by city or other-  
 wise secured against trespass . . . . . 121

 Total expenditures for shoring, securing, and  
 razing . . . . . \$366,319 20



## BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF GAS FITTERS

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Examinations conducted . . . . .	3
Applications examined — master . . . . .	32
journeyman . . . . .	48
Applicants passed and certified — master . . . . .	15
journeyman . . . . .	17

## BOARD OF APPEAL

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The Board of Appeal, established in accordance with Section 117 of Chapter 479, Acts of 1938, as amended, in its functioning, may vary the provisions of the act referred to in specific cases which appear to them not to have been contemplated by this Act although covered by it, or, in cases where manifest injustice is done, provided that the decision of the Board in such a case shall have the assent of four members under Building Law and shall be unanimous under Zoning Law and shall not conflict with the spirit of any provision of the act.

The following is a statistical summary of the work of this department for the year 1958.

*In re* Building Law, Chapter 479, Acts of 1938, as amended:

Appeals received . . . . .	73
Appeals withdrawn . . . . .	0
Appeals pending . . . . .	1
Appeals sustained . . . . .	15
Appeals sustained with proviso . . . . .	54
Appeals dismissed . . . . .	5
Total . . . . .	75*

*In re* Zoning Law, Chapter 488, Acts of 1924, as amended:

Appeals received . . . . .	142
Appeals withdrawn . . . . .	2
Appeals pending . . . . .	3
Appeals sustained . . . . .	18
Appeals sustained with proviso . . . . .	101
Appeals dismissed . . . . .	25
Total . . . . .	149†

\* Includes decisions in 2 cases pending from 1957.

† Includes decisions in 7 cases pending from 1957.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS

The Board of Examiners was created by city ordinance in 1913 and re-established under legislative act in 1938. It acts upon applications of persons desiring to be licensed in Boston as construction superintendents, approving or rejecting said applications under certain rules and regulations adopted as procedure by the Board. The members are appointed by the Mayor, under the law, consisting of an architect or engineer, a contractor or mechanic, and a lawyer, or a person with some legal knowledge.

The following list is that of applications acted upon in 1958.

		Fees
Applications received . . . . .	253	
Applications rejected . . . . .	104	
Applications approved . . . . .	149	}* \$2,790 00
Reissues of lapsed licenses . . . . .	130	
Annual renewals . . . . .	2,099†	6,297 00
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		\$9,087 00
*279 Licenses at \$10 . . . . .		\$2,790 00
†2,099 Renewals at \$3 . . . . .		\$6,297 00
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2,378 Total Licenses. . . . .		\$9,087 00

Change in Fees December 1, 1956.











